



## ASSEMBLY WIPES OUT VIRGINIA'S SURPLUS

### Supplemental Appropriation Bill Carries \$100,000 for the Jamestown Exposition.

## SOLONS WORKING UNDER PRESSURE

Two-Cent a Mile Bill Being Discussed

by the Senators—Norfolk Falls to  
Knock Out "Snake" Bill Which is  
Bothering Politicians—Money Sharks  
Hit.

(By Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., March 6.—With  
the passing of the general and sup-  
plemental appropriation bills, the  
treasury surplus that loomed so allur-  
ingly when the Legislature convened,  
has been wiped out, and an appar-  
ent deficit, stated by Senator H. T.  
Wickham to be \$281,260, hangs over  
the State for the next two years.

The supplemental appropriation bill  
sent over from the House carrying  
\$225,000 for buildings and improve-  
ments at the State institutions, be-  
sides \$100,000 for the exhibit at the  
Jamestown Exposition, and the three  
bills for special sums for improve-  
ments at the capitol, and to carry in-  
to effect the immigration law, were  
reported to the Senate today with  
some small amendments and made a  
special order.

\$1,000,000 For the Exposition.

The supplemental appropriation bill  
carries a total of \$425,000, in which  
is included the \$100,000 for State ex-  
hibit at Jamestown Exposition, \$20,  
000 to improve the Capitol Square,  
\$85,000 for buildings and improve-  
ments at the University, \$30,000 to  
V. M. I., \$10,000 to State Female Nor-  
mal School, \$60,000 to V. P. I., \$10,  
000 to William and Mary College,  
\$25,000 to Western State Hospital,  
\$20,000 to Board of Fisheries, \$20,  
000 to Prison Association of Virginia,  
\$10,000 to Virginia Normal and In-  
dustrial Institute, \$25,000 to Negro  
Reformatory, \$10,000 for permanent  
agricultural exhibit at the capitol.

2-Cent-a-Mile Bill Considered.

House bill No. 124, the Churchman  
rate bill, requiring the sale by rail-  
roads of 500-mile tickets and fixing  
the maximum price that may be  
charged therefor at 2 cents per mile,  
was upon motion of Senator St. Clair,  
today taken up by the Senate out of  
its regular order, and an effort made  
to put it on its passage.

As amendment prohibiting the hand-  
ling of 500-mile tickets by scalpers  
had been added by the Senate com-  
mittee on roads and internal naviga-  
tion, who also proposed some other  
minor changes in the bill as it was  
passed by the House.

No Hope for Norfolk Anti-"Snakers."

Messrs. George L. Arps and Thos. S.  
Purdie appeared before the Senate  
committee on counties, cities and  
towns today in opposition to the Puller  
"snake" bill. Mr. Puller advocated  
the measure. The committee made a  
unanimous report in favor of the pas-  
sage of the bill.

Money Sharks Beware! Beware!!

The Senate early this morning took  
up the Machen bill, which seeks to  
regulate the operations of the so-called  
"money sharks," which make a  
practice of lending money on house-  
hold goods and salaries. The com-  
mittee have had an extensive business  
to this date.

Senator Machen asked, and was  
given, unanimous consent to change  
the bill so that loans of \$50 and over  
for sixty days should bear only 6 per  
cent. interest.

The bill was then passed by unani-  
mous vote and was communicated to  
the House.

Wharton Law May Be Revived.

The Senate committee on general  
laws today made a favorable report on  
the bill, known as the Williams bill,  
which revives the Wharton insurance  
law. The bill prohibits the insurance  
companies from entering into any com-  
binations for the purpose of fixing  
rates for fire insurance, imposing  
heavy penalties.

The Wharton bill was enacted sev-  
eral years ago, and was in operation  
for some time. It was repealed seven  
or eight years ago. Repeated efforts  
have been made to re-enact the bill,  
but they have been unsuccessful up to  
this time. It has already passed the  
House.

Cigarettes Not for "Kids."

A brisk little breeze of debate was  
stirred up in the House this afternoon,  
when Delegates Curlett and Glenn's  
amendatory bill to prevent the sale of  
cigarettes and tobacco or dangerous  
weapons to minors under sixteen years  
of age came up on its third reading.

Several amendments were offered, but  
all of them were voted down, and the  
bill passed in its original form.

Taxation Bill Killed.

Through some clever parliamentary  
manoeuvring on the part of its op-  
ponents, consideration of Delegate Car-  
ton's rolling stock bill, which was to  
have come up in the House this morn-  
ing, was postponed until tonight at 10  
o'clock.

Members of the Richmond delega-  
tion predict the defeat of the measure  
—a result they much desire to see ac-  
complished—for the passage of the  
measure means the loss of hundreds  
of thousands in taxes to this city. The  
bill apportions the taxes among the  
counties through which railroads pass.

Rush Made on Football.

The Powell bill, making the game of  
football illegal in Virginia, came up on  
a special order. Dr. Powell made an  
earnest appeal for the bill. He de-  
nounced the game as worse than bull-  
fighting and ring encounters.

Dry Tortugas for Hospital Service.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Secre-  
tary Bonaparte told Representatives  
Wagner and Davey today that the  
Navy Department would approve the  
proposition to surrender its coaling  
station at Dry Tortugas to the Marine  
Hospital Service for use as a quaran-  
tine station.

## BOY HELD FOR \$20,000

### Banker's Son Kidnapped by Italian Bandit in Betham.

## CAPTIVE BEGS FOR HIS FREEDOM

Child Who is Only Fourteen Years

Old Stolen Sunday—His Parents Are

Frantic With Grief, While the Police

Fail to Make Arrests.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 6.—A banker's  
son kidnapped and held for \$20,000  
ransom is the latest puzzle the New  
York police have been called upon to  
solve.

The parents, frantic with fear, have  
received two letters from the boy, im-  
plying that the sum mentioned in  
the letter was sent to his captors. The  
kidnappers themselves have twice writ-  
ten, demanding the ransom on penalty of  
the lad's death.

The victim of the hold plan to ex-  
port \$20,000 is Antonio Bozuffi, the 14-  
year-old son of John Bozuffi, an Italian  
banker, whose place of business is at  
Sixty-third street and First avenue.

The kidnapping occurred Sunday.  
The boy, who was acting as a clerk,  
was sent out to purchase stamps and  
did not return. Inquiry proved that  
he had made the purchase.

Yesterday the first letter came from  
the lad. Today came the second and  
with it the letter of the abductors.

The boy's first letter said he was  
held captive in Brooklyn. After ask-  
ing that the money be paid the note  
concluded:

"Do not advise the police under any  
circumstances, because if you do my  
life will leave this world."

"One of the letters from the boy's  
captors contained this sentence:

"Our scope, signor, is not vindictive-  
ness. It is solely the extreme nec-  
essity which exists for the possession  
of the sum indicated. Upon your con-  
signment of the money all at once,  
without default your son will be set  
free and safe."

March 8 is the day set for the pay-  
ment of the ransom.

## ANARCHISTS TO USE DYNAMITE ON HOOSAC TUNNEL DOCKS

### Desperate Plot for Destruction of Cor- poration Property Disclosed to Boston Police.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, MASS., March 6.—A des-  
perate anarchist plot to destroy the  
Hoosac Tunnel Docks and other cor-  
poration property in this city by dynamite  
and fire, was disclosed to Colonel  
Cole, chairman of the board of police,  
in an anonymous letter apparently  
from the respectable Italian resident  
from the North End.

The information to the police is a let-  
ter written by the brother of an Italian  
employed in the quarries at Barre, Vt.,  
who has been visiting at that place.  
The writer explains that he attended  
a meeting of seven or eight Italians at  
Barre a short time ago, and that dur-  
ing that meeting the plot was dis-  
cussed and the plans made, though no  
definite time was set for its execution.

While no great faith is placed in the  
contents of the letter, it is, if true, a  
startling revelation of desperate out-  
lawism, heretofore unequalled in this  
country except in the mining country  
in the days of "Mollie Maguires."

No faith is placed in the story by  
the police of Barre, and anarchists of  
Barre emphatically denounce the let-  
ter as an outrageous attack upon them.

## GUILTY, PLEADS GIRL TO CHARGE OF MURDER

### Berthe Claiche Admits That She Killed Her Master Who Lived Off Her Earnings.

## MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT GIVEN

Now That She Has Confessed the

District Attorney Means to Bring

the Corrupt and Murderous Gang of

Police to Trial as Accomplices

in the Crime.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 6.—The trial of  
Berthe Claiche for the murder of  
Emil Gerdron, came to a sudden ter-  
mination today when the young  
French woman pleaded guilty on ad-  
vice of her counsel, to manslaughter  
in the first degree.

That this, however, is not the end  
of the case and that an attempt will  
be made to continue it as an investi-  
gation of a certain class of police-  
men with Berthe Claiche as State's  
evidence was made plain by state-  
ments by both of the judges before  
whom the trial was conducted and by  
the defendant's counsel.

Supreme Court Justice Davis, in re-  
manding the young woman for sen-  
tence until March 29, and in discharg-  
ing the jury, said:

"Justice Will Be Served."

"There are many features of the  
case which induced the court to ac-  
cept and the defendant to offer, the  
plea of manslaughter in the first de-  
gree; and I think when final results  
shall have been reached, and sen-  
tence imposed, the court will see that  
the interests of justice will be  
served."

At its close the defendant was car-  
ried to the Tombs prison struggling  
hysterically with the police officers  
and screaming. The trial had pro-  
ceeded up to the point where it was  
expected that Berthe Claiche would  
go on the witness stand herself with-  
in the next few minutes, when dur-  
ing a recess her counsel went into  
conference with District Attorney Je-  
rome.

Girl Bursts Into Tears.

At the end of this conference Judge  
Rossasky, one of the defendant's law-  
yers, talked to his client for three  
minutes. At the close of this talk  
she burst into tears and was so near  
collapse that she had to be assisted  
to walk to the railing where she was  
to plead. A clerk asked her if she  
would plead guilty to manslaughter  
in the first degree.

The young woman replied: "Yes,"  
and fainting, falling to the floor of  
the court room. When revived she  
became hysterical, crying out: "I  
shall never see my mother on this  
earth again."

At the Tombs a physician was sum-  
moned to attend her.

Policemen to Be Tried.

Possible charges against policemen  
growing out of this case have been  
foreshadowed from the beginning of  
the trial. The prosecution at the be-  
ginning declared that Gerdron was  
lured to his death on July 8th last,  
by a plot in which a policeman as-  
sisted the defendant.

Abraham Levy, Berthe Claiche's  
counsel, said that he has pledged  
that she will tell all she knows about  
the relations of the police with the  
women of the tenderloin.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR HERMIS.

Falls While Benig Driven to Wagon,

But Is Not Hurt.

(By Associated Press.)

BOUND BROOK, N. J., March 6.—  
Hermis, E. R. Thomas' great race  
horse, which is being wintered on the  
Shields' stock farm at South Bound  
Brook, had a narrow escape from seri-  
ous injury last evening.

His trainer, accompanied by Stewart  
Shields, son of Mr. Shields, was driv-  
ing the horse, attached to a light run-  
about, to this place. Hermis shied at  
something in the freight yard and  
threw himself heavily. An examina-  
tion showed the horse was not in-  
jured.

## INVASION OF CHINA PLANNED BY THE ARMY

### Senator Hale Asserts That Ar- rangements Have Been Per- fected for Landing Troops.

## TILLMAN DEMANDS THE FACTS

General Staff Would Increase the

Strength of the Army by Taking in

a Bunch of Contract Surgeons—

House Passes a Bill Removing a Tax

From Tobacco.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The  
question of the enlargement of the  
medical department of the army oc-  
cupied the major portion of the time of  
the Senate today. The question arose  
in connection with the consideration  
of a bill for the displacement of con-  
tract surgeons by physicians who  
shall be given the rank of army offi-  
cers, and the organization of the med-  
ical corps.

Mr. Hale criticized the bill as an en-  
tering wedge for a general increase of  
the army and said that it was a part  
of a general plan of the general staff  
which he charged with a general pur-  
pose of enhancing the army's impor-  
tance.

Hale Speaks of Chinese War.

In this connection Mr. Hale said  
that the general staff had prepared  
plans for the invasion of China by an  
American army, but he added that he  
did not mean to go into that subject,  
"for with the secretary of state sitting  
on the lid I do not believe we are likely  
to have war."

The last statement brought Mr. Till-  
man to his feet with the suggestion  
that "if the secretary of state is sit-  
ting on the lid and the secretary of  
war is trying to pry it off, it will go  
off, because of the greater avoirdupois  
of the head of the War Depart-  
ment."

Tillman Wants to Know.

Mr. Hale was replying to a question  
of Mr. Tillman's, who asked how  
many troops had been sent to the  
Philippines with a view to their being  
sent to China, and Mr. Hale said:

"I do not know how many troops  
have been sent there, but I think sev-  
eral thousand. The purpose of the  
general staff is that they may be used  
if any emergency either arises, or can  
be made, to invade China, which, of  
course, would be a declaration of war  
while Congress is in session."

Others Object to Bill.

Messrs. Carter and Gallinger spoke  
in somewhat the same vein of objec-  
tion as did Mr. Hale, while the bill  
was defended by Messrs. Warren,  
Blackburn and other senators. The  
bill was not disposed of.

The only speech of the day on the  
statehood bill was made by Mr. Long,  
who advocated the passage of the bill  
as reported by the committee on ter-  
ritories.

Secretary Taft occupied a seat on  
the floor of the Senate while the army  
bill was under consideration.

Mr. Tillman gave notice that he  
would endeavor to have the rate bill  
taken up as soon as the statehood bill  
was disposed of.

Tariff Talk in the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—  
The House began its session today  
by passing without discussion or  
opposition a bill for the relief of to-  
bacco growers by permitting them to  
sell leaf tobacco without paying the  
tax of 6 cents a pound heretofore  
charged.

The balance of the day was devoted  
to tariff discussion, the Indian ap-  
propriation bill being the vehicle to  
carry the debate. Preceding this Mr.  
Sherman explained the provisions of  
the bill.

The tariff discussion was opened by  
Mr. Rucker, of Missouri, who brought  
forth arguments designed to sustain  
the Democratic idea of tariff for reve-  
nue only, and he closed with the pre-  
diction that these ideas would pre-

vail with W. J. Bryan as the standard  
bearer.

Mergenthalers Cost Only \$500.

Turning his attention to the tariff  
on the Mergenthaler type-setting ma-  
chine, Mr. Rucker said it had been  
demonstrated that these machines  
could be produced for \$500 and yet  
they sold for \$3,000 because of the  
tariff. There were twenty thousand  
publications in this country affected  
by this price.

"Thousands of petitions from editors  
had been sent to the present con-  
gress 'urging the removal of this  
prohibitory and monopolistic duty.'"

Mr. Lacey in discussing the home  
market and the German tariff, initi-  
ated a lively fire of argument from  
both sides and participated in gener-  
ally and near the close of the day  
Mr. Williams, the minority leader,  
talked tariff for more than an hour.

Labor Only Gets One-Fourth.

Mr. Williams set forth the various  
bills he has introduced and asserted  
that 25 per cent. of the cost of  
commodities would cover as a rule  
the actual cost of the labor in their  
production.

"There are few things," began Mr.

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## HASTY FOUND GUILTY

### Hotel Keeper Convicted of Murd- ering Two Actors.

## BEGAN BY INSULTING ACTRESSES

Court Saves the Man's Neck But

Sends Him Up For Life—Woman

Tells How He Tried to Break Into

Her Bedroom at Midnight.

(By Associated Press.)

SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 6.—  
The jury in the case of the State vs.  
George Hasty, for the murder of the  
two actors, Bennett and Davidson,  
this morning returned a verdict of  
guilty of murder in the first degree,  
with a recommendation to mercy.

His sentence is a life term in the  
penitentiary.

His attorneys will move for a new  
trial, based on technical grounds.

The double tragedy occurred in  
the Piedmont Inn, Gaffney, Dec. 15.  
Miss Verne Sheridan, one of the mem-  
bers of the "Nothing But Money"  
troupe, was alleged to have been the  
innocent cause of the shooting. When  
on the stand she testified that Hasty  
tried to force an entrance to her  
room. She said that after she had  
retired she heard a knock on her  
door, but did not answer it. The  
person then went out on the veranda  
and tried to get in the window.

Woman Calls Her Lover.

Falling in this, he came back and  
threw himself against the door, and  
then climbed up and looked in the  
transom. She then called Mr. Ben-  
nett, and when she did so Hasty  
left. Mr. Bennett, who was a musi-  
cal composer and engaged to marry  
her, sat in her room writing music  
until 4 o'clock in the morning, when  
he went to his own room and got a  
comforter and lay across her bed till  
seven o'clock.

Next morning she was annoyed by  
Hasty again. This was while Mr.  
Bennett was out. She described in a  
graphic manner how the shooting  
occurred. Hasty invited Mr. Bennett  
from the dining room. They went  
out. Mr. Davidson was told that Hasty  
was the same man who had an-  
noyed Miss Bishop the afternoon be-  
fore.

Shots Are Fired.

After Hasty and Mr. Bennett had  
gone out, Mr. Davidson followed. She  
told of the conversation between the  
men, and of Mr. Davidson raising his  
hand to strike Hasty. At the same  
time Hasty fired two shots in quick  
succession. Mr. Davidson then grappled  
with Hasty, pushing the hand  
with the revolver against the wall.  
Hasty jerked loose from him and shot  
Mr. Bennett.

Colonel Johnstone tried to make  
the witness admit that she had been  
too intimate with the deceased, try-  
ing to besmirch her character. She  
stood the ordeal as few women could  
stand it. She was a match for Col-  
onel Johnstone. Every word she ut-  
tered carried conviction that she  
was telling the truth.

## HAMILTON RETURNS TO FACE THE MUSIC

### Man Who Managed "The Yellow Dog" Fund Ready to Answer Criminal Charges.

## JEROME IS GOADED TO ACTION

District Attorney Finally Begins Long

Looked For Campaign Against Al-

leged Grafters Who Have Been

Handling Policyholders' Money So

Recklessly.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 6.—Andrew  
Hamilton returned to New York to-  
day on the steamer Deutschland, on  
which he was registered under the  
name of W. Milton.

Mr. Hamilton was at the head of  
the legislative bureau of the New  
York Life Insurance Company and  
had charge of the legislative work  
of the large companies. To obtain  
an accounting from him of moneys  
alleged to have been advanced to him  
by John A. McCall, as president of  
the New York Life, John C. McCall,  
secretary of the company, went to  
Paris recently. The accounting was  
asked for by the Fowler Committee  
which is investigating the New York  
Life's affairs.

McCall Knew the Truth.

Commenting today on John A. Mc-  
Call's death Mr. Hamilton said he  
knew the former president of the New  
York Life vouchers for all expendi-  
tures and that to any and all of  
these vouchers Mr. McCall would  
have given a certificate of indisput-  
able character. He said that he reg-  
istered under an assumed name on  
the Deutschland in order to have his  
return voyage free from annoyance.  
He said:

Criminal Charges the Magnet.

"What I suppose you want to know  
is why I have returned. Well, I  
heard something about criminal pro-  
ceedings, and here I am. This sig-  
nifies that though my health is far  
from reestablished, I'm ready to ac-  
cept challenge implied by such pro-  
ceedings."

"As to what others have said and  
done during my absence—and, I  
might allude to those who live in  
glass houses—I will say nothing."  
"You have come back to face the  
music?" he was asked.

"Yes, discordant or otherwise."

Grand Jury Gets Busy.

NEW YORK, March 6.—District  
Attorney Jerome in person went be-  
fore the March grand jury this  
morning and presented to them all  
the evidence in his possession based  
upon his own personal investigation  
of the report of the Armstrong in-  
vestigating committee.

He asked for indictments charging  
grand larceny against certain insur-  
ance officials.

The grand jury subsequently filed a  
presentation with Judge O'Sullivan.  
The presentation propounded certain  
questions to the court based on hy-  
pothetical questions involving the mis-  
appropriation of moneys, that would  
come within the criminal code.

Judge O'Sullivan, replying, said:  
"The district attorney has advised  
you correctly in the premises, but  
I would ask you not to take up this  
matter too hastily. It is pregnant  
with importance to the community  
here, throughout the country and the  
world. Do not be influenced by pub-  
lic opinion into hasty action."

RUSSIA TO USE AMERICANS.

Czar Comes to United States for Good

Engineers.

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ENG., March 6.—  
The Post today says that M. Durnovo,  
the minister of the interior in Russia,  
will be appointed to the position of  
commissioner of engineers to prepare  
plans for the development of the in-  
ternal waterways of European Russia.  
M. Durnovo is arranging engage-  
ments with a number of American en-  
gineers to superintend the work of  
construction. The personal estimate  
for the improvements is \$150,000,000.